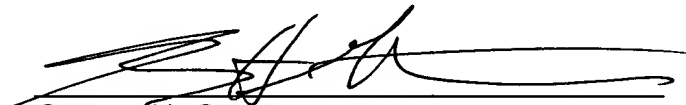


## REMARKS

This Amendment accompanies a request by applicants for interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,612,928, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.607.

Claim 21 corresponds to proposed Count I and corresponds substantially to claim 1 of the '928 patent. Claim 22 corresponds to proposed Count II and corresponds substantially to claim 2 of the '928 patent, and claim 23 corresponds to proposed Count III and claim 32 of the '928 patent.

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